GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Fish Production
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has identified fisheries as a key sector for growth and encouraged fishermen to adopt new techniques to increase fishery output, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether the Union Government has launched any schemes on the occasion of Fisherman"s Day including an agriculture roadmap to usher in rainbow revolution in the States in which animal husbandry, fishery and hatchery have been identified as sectors for growth in addition to traditional farm activities, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that fishery sector has tremendous potential for growth and there is a need for fishermen to employ new techniques to increase production, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is considering to train fishermen at national institutes outside some States where measures may be taken for restoration of ponds and water bodies suited for fish farming and fish seed may be made available for them to boost the production, if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government to redress the problems of fishermen?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a)to(c): Yes, Madam. Considering its immense potential for growth, the Government of India has identified fisheries as a key sector to achieve economic prosperity and nutritional security by effective utilization of water resources in a sustainable manner. Accordingly, the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries has restructured the Central Plan Schemes by merging all fisheries schemes under an umbrella of Blue Revolution. The restructured Scheme on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries approved in December, 2015 by the Government provides for a focused development and management of the fisheries sector to increase both fish production and fish productivity from aquaculture and fisheries resources. This includes both the inland and marine fisheries sector, including deep sea fishing with special focus on modern and innovative techniques. The objectives of the scheme are to (i) increase the overall fish production in a responsible and sustainable manner for economic prosperity (ii) modernize the fisheries with special focus on new technologies (iii) ensure food and nutritional security (iv) generate employment and export earnings and (v) ensure inclusive development and empower fishers and aquaculture farmers.

(d): The Blue Revolution scheme also provides for Training, skill development and capacity building programmes for fishers, fish farmers and other stakeholders to be carried through State Governments, UTs, Central Government organizations/ institutions such as Krishi Vigyan Kendra(KVKs,) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Institutes, Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMAs), Agricultural Technology Application Reasearch Institutes(ATARIs), Fisheries Institutes, State/UT owned organizations, State Agriculture/ Veterinary/ Fishery Universities, Fisheries Federations, Corporation etc. The scheme also provides financial assistance for renovation of existing ponds, rejuvenation of urban/semi-urban/rural lakes/tanks for fish culture and establishment of fish hatcheries to ensure supply of quality seeds to fishers and fish farmers at an affordable rate towards enhancement of fish production.
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